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TAGS: PINT, PINS, PFCR, MOPS, CO
SUBJECT: KKKER REPORT - APRIL 6, 1975
GENERAL

1. IN THE WAKE OF NEAK LUONG'S FALL AND CONTINUING DETERIORATION IN PANK'S POSTURE AROUND PHNOM PENH, THE EMBASSY EVACUATED ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF ITS AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND BEGAN TO MOVE LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES TO THAILAND. ALL FOREIGN MISSIONS HAVE GONE EXCEPT FOR TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE CONSULAR OFFICERS. LON NOL'S DEPARTURE, SAUKHAN KROY'S ACCESSION AS ACTING PRESIDENT, THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW AUSTERITY MEASURES AND NEW NONSENSE ATTITUDE HAVE RAISED CIVILIAN MORALE. BUT TROOP COMMANDERS FACING BATTLEFIELD REALITIES SHOWED ATTITUDES BORDERING ON RESIGNATION BEFORE WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS A LIKELY DEFEAT AT KC HANDS. DDTI SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT NEWS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON SUPPLEMENTARY AID TO CAMBODIA, THOUGH THEY REALIZE THE PROSPECTS ARE NOT BRIGHT.

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POLITICAL (INTERNAL)

2. THERE WAS LITTLE OVERT INTERNAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF MARSHAL LON NOL ON APRIL 1. DURING RESPECTFUL DAY'S INTERVAL, ACTING PRESIDENT SAUKHAM KHOY BROADCAST ON APRIL 3 A SHORT ADDRESS TO NATION, APPEALING TO ALL ELEMENTS TO JOIN TOGETHER TO CONFRONT AND STABILIZE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO RESTORE ORDER. THE GKR, HE SAID, WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRY TO CONTACT THE OTHER SIDE IN ORDER TO DRAW UP A PLAN TO END WAR BETWEEN CAMBODIANS. HE ALSO APPEALED TO ALL SUPERPOWERS TO HELP CAMBODIA END WAR. PENDING RETURN OF PRIME MINISTER LONG DORET, CABINET AND RANKING MILITARY LEADERS HELD DAILY SESSIONS IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO COME UP WITH WAYS OF MAKING THE CONTACTS CALLED FOR BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT. MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF AUSTERITY MEASURES DESIGNED TO SHAKE PUBLIC APATHY, INCLUDING CLOSING THEATERS AND DANCE HALLS, AND FORBIDDING TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER THE KHMER NEW YEAR, WHICH TAKES PLACE IN THE COMING WEEK. THE CURFEW HAS MOVED UP AN HOUR TO 8 P.M. AND THE SOMEWHAT THEORETICAL DRAFT AGE WAS RAISED FROM 35 TO 40.

3. ACTING PRESIDENT SAUKHAM KHOY HAS ADDRESSED AN AS YET UNRELEASED LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD IN A SOMEWHAT HOVING AND POIGNANT APPEAL FOR FAVORABLE ACTION BY CONGRESS ON ADDITIONAL AID FOR CAMBODIA.

POLITICAL (EXTERNAL)

4. THIS WAS THE WEEK OF ALMOST COMPLETE DIPLOMATIC EXODUS, WITH THE DEPARTURE OF NATIONALIST CHINESE ON 4TH, JAPANESE, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE (LESS 2 CONSULAR OFFICERS LEFT BEHIND), AND REMAINING THAI MILITARY MISSION (THE CHANCERY HAD PREVIOUSLY CLOSED) ON THE 5TH. THE LOUE LAO CHARGE ALSO LEFT AT END OF THE WEEK. PRESIDENT SUHARTO HELD A LARGE CEREMONIAL MEETING WITH LON NOL IN DALI ON APRIL 3, WHILE LONG DORET AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK CONFERRED (THE MARSHAL IS DUE TO LEAVE FOR HAWAII ON APRIL 10). LONG DORET THEN FLEW TO BANGKOK TO MEET WITH NEW AND LOQUACIOUS THAI FOREIGN MINISTER, AMID A MUTED CHORUS OF SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ASEAN SUMMIT TO DISCUSS INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS. LONG DORET

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RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH ON APRIL 8.

GRUNK/FUNK

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^{5.} AFTER HIS
EARLIER MARCH 26 SPEECH, WHICH HAD ADDED ANOTHER ~~27~~ NAMES OF
WAR CRIMINALS TO THE SEVEN TRAITORS (ONLY 3 OF WHOM REMAIN
IN THE COUNTRY), HE LASHED OUT AT INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND
THAILAND, APPARENTLY STUNG BY TALK OF ASEAN EFFORTS TO BRING
ABOUT SOME DIALOG BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. HE CALLED ON
WESTERN NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE GRUNK NOW, TO SHOW THE "PURITY" OF
THEIR MOTIVES. SAUKHAM KHOU'S PEACE CALL WAS AN "ODIOUS AND
CONTEMPTIBLE TRAP" OF U.S. IMPERIALISM, ADAM MALIK WAS A GROSS
LIAR, LONG BORET IS THE TITLED LACKEY OF JOHN GUNTHER
DEAN....AND SO ON.

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6. A REFRESHING CONT
STATEMENT BROADCAST LIVE IN CAMBODIAN BY KHIEU SAMPHAN. AFTER
PORTRAYING THE GKR AS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE, AND AFTER
THE USUAL REFERENCES TO THE SEVEN TRAITORS BY NAME, NOTING THAT
SEVERAL HAD ALREADY "FLED," HE PROCLAIMED THE LEGITIMACY OF
FUNK WITH SIHANOUK AS "CHAIRMAN" AND OF GRUNK WITH PENN
NOUTH AS PRIME MINISTER AND KHIEU SAMPHAN AS DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER. THEY WILL ADMINISTER ALL CAMBODIA AND PHNOM PENH.
FUNK/GRUNK/CPMLAF APPEAL TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF FUNK
TO LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS AND JOIN FUNK NGU. CIVIL SERVANTS
WERE ALSO WELCOMED TO COME OVER. ALL WERE ADVISED TO AVOID
MANEUVERS OF THE SEVEN TRAITORS AND US IMPERIALISTS. NO
MENTION WAS MADE OF ADDITIONAL WAR CRIMINALS, BUT NEITHER
WAS THERE A SPECIFIC CLEAR OFFER OF AMNESTY.

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7. MEANWHILE, INDIA RECOGNIZED THE GRUNK AND ASKED THE GRK CHARGE TO LEAVE, AS DID THE USSR AND POLAND, WHILE LIGERIA INFORMED US THAT IT MIGHT ALSO SOON BE FORCED TO GO THE RECOGNITION ROUTE.

MILITARY

8. CRACKS HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR IN PHNOM PENH DEFENSES AS THE CAPITAL AWAITs A MAJOR OFFENSIVE FROM KC TROOPS MOVING NORTH AFTER THEIR VICTORY OVER NEAK LUONG AND DANAM. FANK DEFENDERS SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, WHERE HE ASSUME THE FIRST BLOW WILL FALL, HAVE REACTED BADLY TO INCREASED KC AGGRESSIVENESS. THE KC HAVE PUSHED A MOTLEY FORCE DEFENDING THE CAPITAL'S NORTHERN DIKE OFF THE DIKE ALONG MOST OF ITS LENGTH. WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH THE THIRD DIVISION HAS PULLED A BATTALION POSITION BACK, WHILE THE KC FORCED A KEY STRONGPOINT ON ROUTE 4 TO WITHDRAW, PUSHING FANK'S DEFENSIVE LINE TO A POINT EAST OF ANG SNUOL, A DOZEN KILOMETERS FROM THE AIRPORT.

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9. THE KC BROKE THROUGH FANK DEFENSES AT MEAK LUNG AND DAMAM APRIL 1. ONLY ABOUT 160 DEFENDERS OF SOME 4500 FANK HAVE SO FAR REACHED FRIENDLY LINES AT PREY VENG OR SVAY RIENG. THE FALL OF THE TWO TOWNS RELEASES ABOUT 5,000 KC TROOPS WITH CONSIDERABLE CAPTURED ARTILLERY AND AMMUNITION FOR DEPLOYMENT AGAINST PHNOM PENH.

10. FANK UNITS ON THE WEST BANK OF THE BASSAC GAVE UP GROUND THAT HAD BEEN HARD-WON DURING LAST YEAR'S BASSAC OPERATION. THE KC HAVE STEADILY INCREASED THEIR ATTACKS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST THIS SECTOR. BETWEEN THE BASSAC AND MEKONG RIVERS ELEMENTS OF THE 9TH DIVISION HAVE TAKEN OVER THE FARTHEST POSTS UNDER FANK CONTROL ON ROUTE 1. THE TOUGH 43RD BRIGADE (2D DIVISION) IS DACKING UP THE TROOPS FROM THE 9TH AND WILL ALSO SUPPORT ITS SISTER 24TH BRIGADE ON LINE SOUTHWEST OF ROUTE 1. THE KC ARE EXPECTED TO HIT THIS AREA HARD.

11. THE KC CONTINUED DIKE. THE ELITE 20TH BRIGADE FOUGHT HARD, INFLICTING HEAVY CASUALTIES IN ITS AREA ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE DIKE, BUT

FANK COMMAND AND CONTROL OVER THE MOTELY COLLECTION OF UNITS DEFENDING IN THE NORTHWEST CONTINUED TO HAMPER EFFECTIVE OVERALL DEFENSE. ON APRIL 7 FORMER 7TH DIVISION CO, DO BENG LAYON ASSUMED OVERALL COMMAND, WITH 7TH DIV COMMANDER DO KHY NAK COMMANDING THE EAST WING AND ARMOR COMMANDER NG YAI SINDY COMMANDING THE WEST WING. THE KC FORCED 45TH BRIGADE ELEMENTS TO WITHDRAW APRIL 7, REACHING A POINT 6 KILOMETERS FROM THE AIRPORT AND GAINING CLOSER FIRING ACCESS TO POCHENTONG AND THREATENING THE INTEGRITY OF THE DIKE DEFENSES.

12. HEAVY PRESSURE AGAINST THE THIRD DIVISION SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH HAS CAUSED THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE WESTERNMOST BATTALION-SIZED POSITION. FANK DISENGAGEMENT OPERATIONS, HOWEVER, INFLICTED AN ESTIMATED 700 CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY ON APRIL 6. AT THE SAME TIME THE KC FORCED THE STRONGPOINT AT THNAL TOTUNG, WEST OF ANY SNUOL ON ROUTE 4, TO WITHDRAW, WITH 200 MEN AND MUCH EQUIPMENT NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. THE NEW DEFENSE LINE RUNS EAST OF ANG SNUOL, WHICH IS 12 KILOMETERS FROM THE AIRPORT.

13. AT KOMPONG SPEU ON ROUTE 4 HEAVY FIGHTING REACHED THE EASTERN

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EDGE OF THE CITY MARKET, BUT AIRODROPS OF AMMUNITION AND RICE APPARENTLY HELPED STEPPEN THE DEFENDERS, WHO ARE ALL TERRITORIALS, SINCE THE MR 2 INTERVENTION FORCES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THE OPERATION TO RETAKE TUOL LEAP. FURTHER DOWN ROUTE 4, TWO WEEKS OF ACCELERATING EFFORTS BY KHMER AIR FORCE C-123S SUCCEEDED APRIL 6, WHEN THE LAST OF 1500 TROOPS AND 2000 FAMILY MEMBERS AND REFUGEES DEPARTED THE KOMPONG SEILA ENCLAVE. THE TROOPS HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PHNOM PENH'S DEFENSES.

14. NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, THE TRANSFER OF THE 30TH BRIGADE, HAD CAUSED A SOFTENING OF DEFENSES NORTH OF CHERRY CHANOUAR PENINSULA. THE NAVAL BASE IS CONSTRUCTING STRONGER POSITIONS, AND 165-MM HOWITZERS HAVE MOVED BACK TOWARD THE BASE. ACROSS THE REXONG FROM PHNOM PENH, A BATTALION AND A 76-MM HOWITZER SECTION LEFT BARONG KHMAOR KAR WHICH HAD BEEN THE EASTERMOST POSITION OF THE CAPITAL'S DEFENSES, AND MOVED IN GOOD ORDER WITH EQUIPMENT CLOSER TO THE RIVER AND THE 04TH BRIGADE HEAD-QUARTERS.

15. THE KC CONTINUED TO KEEP THE INITIATIVE AROUND BATTANDANG CITY, BUT FANK APPEARS TO HAVE STABILIZED A LINE EAST AND SOUTHEAST OF THE TOWN. ELSEWHERE IN MR 5 THMAR PUOK FORCES KILLED 70 KC IN CLEARING OPERATIONS ON A ROAD TO THAT PROVINCE CAPITAL.

16. PREY VENG CAME UNDER HEAVIER PRESSURE AFTER NEAK LUONG FELL, LOSING 5 POSITIONS, MOST OF WHICH WERE ON THE NORTHERN OUTER DEFENSE SHELL. CLEARING OPERATIONS HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR OVER 100 KC KILLED SINCE APRIL 6.

17. ATTACKS BY FIRE AND MAINTENANCE DEGRADATION CONTINUED TO TAKE ITS TOLL OF KAF OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES. THE WEEK SAW ROCKETS DESTROY TWO T-20S AND DAMAGE THREE C-123S. ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP CRASHED NEAR ANG SNUOL. ILLUINOING ROCKETS HAVE DAMAGED OVER 50 AIRCRAFT SINCE MARCH 15 AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, CAUSED A MAJOR LOSS OF MAINTENANCE TIME AS WORKERS HEAD FOR THE BUNKERS.
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